

SENATOR VICKERS: If we determine it is necessary, if we've got the proper agreements reached, then I'll bring in the A bill myself to fund it because I think that is the way it ought to be. But I want to see what the agreements are first. That is where this issue is. If you believe that you ought to say here is how much we're going to spend, here is what we're going to have, basically even before you've made the deal, then go ahead and do it. But if you make the deal first, then I think you ought to reject the motion to reconsider.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. That was the last one, but thank you anyway. Senator Rod Johnson, would you like to close on your reconsideration motion.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members, I would just simply ask you to reconsider the earlier vote that was taken on this particular issue. I explained my reasons why I was not here. But I think we should remember that this project encompasses more than just producing additional vets in the State of Nebraska and possibly here in the central part of our country. It also will assist, I think, the University as well as our livestock industry in the areas of research. I know Senator Vickers and Senator Pappas and some others have worked very hard trying to increase the funding at our lab sciences around the state at some research stations. I agree with them. I think that we should make better use of those facilities. But we also have an opportunity here today, through this project, of increasing the research capacity of our state in the area of livestock industry. I think we should support it. Unfortunately what Senator Vickers is saying is, in many cases, very true. He is asking us to...or the University to come forward and make a deal and then come for the money. But I think in the process you have to recognize that if we wait for that to happen we may well lose our federal funding. The striking of the federal funds will have a significant impact, I think a very significant negative impact upon the project as a whole. I think that we should reconsider our earlier vote on this issue. I discussed this issue with Governor Kerrey earlier in the week with regard to my amendment to Senator Miller's amendment that if the